Statement of 2nd Lieutenant Hubert B. CHERRIE II, Squadron Duty Officer

About 1900 on the evening of 5 January 1958, the Corporal of the Guard, Cpl. ROWE and I had just finished inspecting the guard, Pfc PERSONS on the crypto van in the MACS-1 storage area. Everything was secure, quiet and well lit and the sentry was alert. Cpl ROWE and I got into the jeep to inspect further and drive around the area and consult with the other sentries. We had just driven around back of parking area immediately beside the crypto van when the crypto sentry came running over whistling and shouting words to the effect, "Lieutenant!! there was a shot, the sentry across the way shot somebody, come quickly!!" Where upon I turned my jeep around and sped directly to post adjacent the crypto van area. I drove up the line of trucks, left to right, searching methodically. I discovered Pvt. SCHRAND lying face up in similar fashion to the photos with the exception of the weapon. I stopped the jeep beside him, jumped out, scanned the area not too thoroughly for possible intruders. I stooped down over the fallen man, and looked him over without moving him. I decided to get medical help. It appeared to me that he had fallen on top of his weapon for it was underneath his legs. I took immediate action to get to a phone. I left the corporal of the guard with Pvt. SCHRAND and I rushed back to the crypto van. The sentry there was not aware of the phone and its location, so I rushed over to the tower and dispatched the crash crew and any readily availble doctors and corpsman. I had another man alert the hospital. Upon returning to the scene the Corpsman and crash crew were already there. The ambulance was on its way and not very far behind me, and care was being administered. At this time I secured the weapon and the empty shell. There were no other rounds in the weapon. It was told to me that the fired shell was still in the chamber, although I did not receive the weapon and shell as such. The ambulance arrived very shortly and the boy was rushed to the hospotal. I returned to the tower to call Maj FIEGENER and inform him. I then drove back to the area, picked up Cpl ROWE and drove to the hospital. Arriving at the hospital I learned that the boy was D. O. A. I turned the weapon over to the authorities at the hospital. The authorities there uncovered four (4) unused rounds in Pvt. SCHRAND's pocket.

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